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# *Spare the Air*

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## **Air District to Assess Public's Response**

# **Prepare Today Not to Drive Tomorrow**

## **Spare the Air Advisory Continues into Tuesday**

Record-breaking temperatures and stagnant air will bring unhealthy air to the Bay Area again on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, causing the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to continue the Spare the Air advisory. Air quality is expected to be worse on Tuesday than Monday, with maximum temperatures of 100 degrees in the Diablo, Livermore and Santa Clara valleys. All three areas are expected to exceed health-based air quality standards.

"The number one thing that we're asking the public to do is drive less," said Ellen Garvey, the Air District's Executive Officer. "Can you carpool tomorrow, take transit or telecommute on Tuesday? Each of these actions will help to keep air quality from becoming unhealthy," Garvey said.

The Air District will commission a public opinion survey on Tuesday evening to assess the public's response to the Spare the Air advisory. In the last survey on June 14, 2000, six percent of the Bay Area population drove less, avoiding almost 500,000 trips and reducing pollution by over eight tons. The June survey results are double the number of people who drove less in 1999 on Spare the Air days.

### **Precautions on a Spare the Air day:**

People with asthma, respiratory or heart conditions should limit outdoor activities during the afternoon hours.

Vigorous exercise should be done in the early morning or after sundown.

### **What you can do:**

Call a friend to carpool or call 817-1717, ext. 17 for transit information

Pack a lunch so you don't need a car at lunchtime.

Do all your errands at once.

Refuel your motor vehicles after 6 PM.

Ask your boss if you can telecommute tomorrow.

Postpone the use of gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment.

Summertime air pollution results from a photochemical reaction where air emissions – chiefly from automobile exhaust – are converted to ground level ozone (smog) by exposure to sunlight and heat. For more information, visit [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org).

